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**Statement by Mrs. Lorena Cruz Sánchez,
President of the National Women's Institute of Mexico,
in the general debate of the
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Madame President, distinguished delegates,

I appreciate the opportunity to speak for the first time in this Commission, as President of National Women's Institute of Mexico. On behalf of the Mexican delegation, I congratulate the Bureau for their job in supporting the work in this Commission. I wish to extend my appreciation to UN Women for the actions taken in their second year of work, such as the "High Level Forum for Strengthening Women's Access to Justice", for the continuity of the "UNITE" Campaign, for the launch of the initiative "COMMIT" and especially for organizing preparatory activities and regional consultations that paved the way for this session.

As part of this regional effort, women mechanisms in Latin America and the Caribbean support the Consensus of San Salvador, outcome of the preparatory Regional Consultation for this Commission. We consider that violence against women is an offense to the human dignity and that States have the duty to protect, respect and guarantee all women the right to life-3(14)9 is ano

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guarantee the right of women to a life free of violence, with the focus on prevention, attention and sanctions.

We are confident that the international community will send a clear message to women, that any violation of their human will not be tolerated, nor justified, and that a life without violence is possible.

Thank you.